

TO CORRECT THE STATUS OF CERTAIN COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
OF THE NAVY APPOINTED THERETO PURSUANT TO THE PRO-
VISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED JUNE 4, 1920

FEBRUARY 4, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. MILLER of Washington, from the Committee on Naval Affairs,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 483]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 483) to correct the status of certain commissioned officers of the Navy appointed thereto pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 4, 1920, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Senate bill 483 affects two officers of the line of the Navy, namely, Myron F. Eddy and William H. Meyer. These officers were duly examined for appointment from the Reserve Force to the regular Navy under the provisions of the act of June 4, 1920. These two officers qualified for appointment under the provisions of this act.

The examination was held in May, 1921. Due to oversight and delay in the Navy Department their nominations were not sent to the Senate until 1922.

All other officers who took the examination in accordance with the act of June 4, 1920, in May of 1921 were nominated to and confirmed by the Senate prior to July 1, 1922. Had the administrative delay in the Navy Department not occurred these officers would have been confirmed and commissioned together with all others in similar status.

On June 10, 1922, the pay bill effective July 1, 1922, became a law. That bill provided, first, that officers in the regular Navy commissioned prior to June 30, 1922, should count all services; that is, enlisted service, service as a reserve or temporary officer, and commissioned service in the regular Navy, in the computation of their

pay; and, second, that officers commissioned in the regular Navy subsequent to June 30, 1922, should count, in the computation of their pay, only the service as a commissioned officer in the regular Navy.

This resulted in considerable loss of pay, without fault of their own, to these two officers. The amount involved in the case of Meyer is \$360 and in the case of Eddy \$100 per year. Inasmuch as the loss of pay which these officers have suffered was caused by the Navy Department the bill S. 483 is recommended for approval.

Chief Pay Clerk H. H. Koppang, whose examination was delayed until May of 1922 and who was confirmed by the Senate of September 20, 1922, would also, it is believed, come under the provisions of S. 483. His pay would be increased by \$300 per year, making a total cost to the Government of the bill of \$760.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Navy to the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives sets forth clearly the attitude of the Navy Department relative to the bill S. 483 and is hereby made a part of this report:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 19, 1925.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Replying to the committee's letter of January 9, 1925, inclosing a bill (S. 483) to correct the status of certain commissioned officers of the Navy appointed thereto pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 4, 1920, and requesting the views and recommendations of the department thereon, I have the honor to advise you as follows:

The pay act approved June 10, 1922 (42 Stat. 625), allows officers commissioned subsequent to June 30, 1922, to count commissioned service only in the computation of their pay.

There is a very small number of officers who were found qualified for appointment to the permanent Navy prior to June 30, 1922, in accordance with the provisions contained in the act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 834-835), but whose appointments were delayed through no fault of their own, and who, as a consequence, were not able to accept such appointments until after July 1, 1922.

The department believes that this particular class of officers are entitled to the benefits of this proposed legislation and therefore recommends the approval of the bill S. 483.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR,
Secretary of the Navy.

